

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 515 – SB 522

March 11, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004754):** Deletes the original bill. Adds a Level IV trauma center to the definitions of “trauma system” and “trauma center” under the Tennessee Trauma Center Funding Law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Under current law, “trauma system” means all designated Level I, II, and III trauma centers, all designated comprehensive regional pediatric centers, and all other acute care hospitals that provide treatments for trauma patients that are at least as great as the lowest level provided by one of the designated trauma centers. “Trauma center” means any Level I, II, or III institution licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 1200-8-30-.01(4).
- As a part of the “trauma system,” Level IV trauma centers will receive reimbursement from the Department of Health for uncompensated care costs and readiness costs. Expanding the number of facilities that may receive reimbursement from the Trauma System Fund to include Level IV trauma centers will not change the total amount of reimbursements by the Department from the Fund.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-59-105, any excess revenue or any appropriation from the reserve of the Trauma System Fund does not revert and remains available for expenditure in subsequent years.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will establish standards for Level IV trauma centers. Rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.16.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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